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1. FLYING TIGER (FTL) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT IT HAS BEEN RESTRICTED BY JCAB IN RECENT MONTHS FROM USING AT NARITA FULL WEEKLY SLOT ALLOTMENT OF 76 (I.E., 70 FROM OFFICIAL ALLOTMENT AND 6 FROM 1973 GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT). FOR EXAMPLE, IN AUGUST JCAB IS ALLOWING FTL ONLY 9 SLOTS DURING THE WHOLE MONTH ABOVE WEEKLY ALLOTMENT OF 70. JCAB APPARENTLY HAS TOLD FTL THAT ITS ALLOTMENT IS NOW SET AT 70 BY JULY 12, 1977 AGREED MINUTES AND THAT GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT IS NO LONGER VALID. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE INQUIRIES TO CONFIRM FTL REPORT AND CABLE FINDINGS.

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2. FYI: IF JCAB IS NOW HOLDING FTL TO 70 SLOT LEVEL BASED ON AGREED MINUTES, SUCH INTERPRETATION IS BLATANTLY CONTRARY TO UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DELEGATIONS DURING JULY 1977 TALKS. US DEL AT FIRST INSISTED ON SPECIFIC INCLUSION OF REFERENCE TO GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT BUT JAPANESE ASKED THAT IT NOT BE INCLUDED FOR OPTICAL REASONS, ASSURING USDEL THAT SLOTS RIGHTS WOULD

CONTINUE TO BE SAME AS BEFORE. VANCE

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